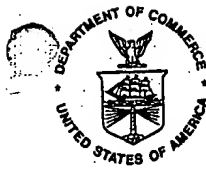


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Response to Reply Brief

1. The Reply Brief submitted on 8/22/01 and entered into the record as Paper 49 has been reviewed by the Examiner, but no further comment is deemed necessary. The Application has been forwarded to the Board.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (703)-305-4813. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

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